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The Thessalonica Agricultural and Industrial Institute

THE REV. JOHN HENRY HOUSE, D.D., President

ITS BEGINNING, 1903

Macedonia, Turkey: Near Thessalonica

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SECOND EDITION, WITH TESTIMONIALS

MAIN BUILDING, ERECTED 1906-1907

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Its Site

In Macedonia, Turkey, near the northern boundary of the "Blue Ægean," three miles to the south of that Thessalonica where Saint Paul preached and whither he sent his letters, I and II Thessalonians. The view across the mile of intervening fields seaward and beyond, is bounded by the mountain range of Thessaly with Mt. Olympus as its famous crown. The great highway of ancient travel and traffic between West and East traversed its region. World-battles were fought in its vicinage. Aristotle was born not far eastward, and Alexander the Great still nearer northwestward.

Its Ideal

An independent, non-sectarian, inter-racial, Christian school for poor boys, in which shall be thoroughly, lovingly taught the prime elements of

class-room studies, emphasizing an elementary acquaintance with the natural sciences; also an experimental knowledge of modern scientific farming, and a practical craftsmanship in the country's principal mechanical industries.

And this, to the supreme end of developing Christian young men of manliest sort, who shall finally return to their respective villages, with an honoring, thrifty regard for intelligent manual labor, a steadfast devotion to law and order, and a loyal, unselfish care for all the interests of true progress. A "New Hampton" in Macedonia!

Its Beginning and Progress

Autumn of 1901,—Two American missionaries in Thessalonica, the Rev. John H. House, D.D., and the Rev. Edward B. Haskell, impressed with the crying need of a Christian agricultural and trades school in Macedonia: summer of 1902,—their purchase, on faith, of a piece of inexpensive land near Salonica: January, 1903,—an old and trusty native

employed as caretaker, he building for himself a hut—half "dugout"—out of dry-goods boxes; five hundred mulberry trees planted: June, 1903,—a small-pipe artesian well successfully sunk: October, 1903,—contract made for a small adobe farmhouse of two rooms: meanwhile a local insurrection, and scores of villages retributively destroyed by the Turks; consequently many orphaned children, helpless, hopeless: April, 1904,—ten of those boys sheltered in the little farmhouse, and a teacher employed: early autumn of 1904,—Dr. House, on furlough, speaks with effect at a parlor-meeting in New York City: October, 1904,—the "Thessalonica Agricultural and Industrial Institute" incorporated under the laws of the State of New York: 1905,—more boys received and scanty additional facilities provided: May, 1906,—ground broken for a brick building, not far from ninety feet by fifty, practically two-storied,—school-rooms and dormitory for the increasing pupils and residence for Dr. House and his family: 1907,—completion and occupation of the main building; the Iradé of the Sultan, Abdul Hamid, authorizing the school as an American Institution, with exemption from taxes and customs dues: 1908 and

1909,—more pupils, increase of teaching staff, additional land bought, the best of American farm machinery provided, and a library begun: 1910,—Dr. House, President of the Institute, wholly relieved of missionary responsibilities and his support wholly taken over by the Institute: 1911,—school accommodations overcrowded, and needy, deserving applicants denied admission.

General Condition at Present

A school without a dollar of debt, even as there was no debt when the property was transferred to the incorporated board: upwards of fifty boys, grateful, honest, willingly industrious, obedient, quick to learn, merry-hearted,—the first class to be graduated this summer: expense per pupil not more than five dollars per month; the total annual budget less than six thousand dollars: ten instructors, including the farmer and the teachers in the mechanic industries: seventy acres of arable land which, in spite of half a normal rainfall, are producing, under the scientific applica-

tion of what is known in the Western United States as "Dry Farming," crops that are the inspiring wonder of all the region: six thousand grapevines, two thousand mulberry trees for the feeding of silk worms; one hundred and fifty shade trees, many fruit trees, garden of vegetables and flowers, cows, horses, hens, turkeys: the people of all the Macedonian nationalities and faiths warmly approving the work; Macedonian friends, in their poverty, sending little gifts in kind, in token of their appreciation: distinguished visitors from many parts of the world giving unqualified commendation.

A school which has, as its President, an educator and administrator of highest merit. Dr. House is enthusiastically absorbed in his present work, even to the overtaxing of his strength. His long residence and wide experience in Macedonia have given him a thorough understanding, not only of the need to be supplied, but also of the best methods of supplying the need. Mrs. House is his gifted, devoted partner in his educational and administrative labors. Their daughter, Miss Ruth House, gives herself charmingly and efficiently to the interests of the school.

TESTIMONIALS

Boston, May 1, 1911.

The non-denominational Thessalonica Agricultural and Industrial Institute,—chartered under the laws of the State of New York,—is one of the best, most profitable and most promising educational institutions in Turkey. It has been managed with great economy and remarkable success, and is well worthy of the sympathy and support of all those who are interested in Christian and philanthropic work in the East. It is a new Macedonian call such as St. Paul heard at Troas—"Come over into Macedonia and help us." It is evident from the last chapter of St. Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians that he would have heartily approved of this work.

George Washburn.

[The Rev. George Washburn, D.D., LL.D., ex-President of Robert College, Constantinople.]

New York, May 8, 1911.

On March 11th, 1910, I visited the Thessalonica Agricultural and Industrial Institute for boys, the only school of its kind in all Macedonia. It is located some three miles south of the City of Salonica, the site commanding a view of the "Blue Ægean" and the mountain range beyond. The nearly three-score sturdy pupils, the earnest teachers, the various industries, impressed me most favorably. It was evident that the broad acreage cultivated scientifically and by means of the most improved American farm machinery, could not help serving as a most valuable object lesson to all the region. I could see, moreover, that the Institute's distinctive plan, combining manual labor with class-room studies, was contributing not only to self-support, but also to worthy character. A graduate of the Institute, returning to his native village, is bound to be the foremost supporter of all the community's best interests. If allowed its due growth, the Institute can not fail to be of the greatest practical value, and assume national importance. I gladly give it my hearty commendation.

Oscar S. Straus.

[The Hon. Oscar S. Straus, at that time American Ambassador to Turkey.]

BOSTON, May 12, 1911.

I am glad to endorse most heartily the duly incorporated Thessalonica Agricultural and Industrial Institute, a Christian school in which manual labor and craftsmanship and elementary class-room education go hand in hand. I think it is impossible to over-estimate the value of the work which this institution is doing for a needy people. Dr. House, its President, with others of his family, are most devoted leaders, and are doing much to improve conditions in Macedonia. Certainly the hour has struck to do everything in our power for Turkey. She faces the sunrise, and there is a new day dawning everywhere. Those who can extend aid to this Industrial Institute, will be helping much to hasten the full coming of this new day.

SAMUEL B. CAPEN,
President American Board.

[Samuel B. Capen, LL.D., President of The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.]

ARBOR, OR KIOSK, WHERE ALL PASSERS-BY MAY DRINK COOL WATER

AS THEY CAME TO THE SCHOOL

THE SAME BOYS, ONE YEAR LATER

BOYS WORKING IN VINEYARD

New York, May 13, 1911.

The independent, non-sectarian Macedonian Institute for poor boys, is virtually a new "Hampton" in the near Orient. Its union of mental and manual work would have won General Armstrong's glad approval. With the founder of Hampton, character was more than craftsmanship, yet he affirmed that intelligent, productive labor was a strong moral force. Of the Indian question he said, "That question will never be settled until you make the Indian blister his hands." Nor is it a far cry from that to Ruskin's word, "Life without industry is guilt; industry without art is brutality."

The Macedonian School, wholly unique in that country's history, is a true *seminarium* in the fine, original sense. It is a nursery, a seed-plot. Students who have there been instructed, inspired, will go out to instruct and inspire others. In due time there will be hundred-fold harvests.

The faith, the courage, that began the work, the sanctified skill that has thus far directed it, deserve to be honored with sympathetic and generous aid.

Robert C. Ogden.

[President of the Trustees of Hampton, and also of the Southern Education Board.]

STAMFORD, CONN., May 16th, 1911.

During my visit to Macedonia in September, 1905, it was my privilege to spend a week in Salonica, and to visit the Thessalonica Agricultural and Industrial School. The day of small things was giving way to the dawn of larger hopes and plans, many of which have since been realized. One thing that impressed me was the remarkable way in which Dr. House and his helpers were doing so much even then with such inadequate resources. The splendid business acumen displayed, the self-sacrificing economies practiced by everyone, the eager application of the grateful boys to their tasks both in the school and the field, the tender sympathy which bound teachers and pupils into the always evident unity of purpose and effort, the sublime faith in God and confidence in Christian friends to open the way for great things in the future,—all marked the life of the school, and inspired the conviction that a splendid growth awaited development.

The possibilities of the institution are almost limitless. With adequate support, it is certain to become a great factor in the educational and

economic development of Macedonia, bringing untold blessings into thousands of lives and homes in that historic land. No mistake can be made on the part of any one who gives it generous support.

HOWARD AGNEW JOHNSTON.

[The Rev. Howard Agnew Johnston, D.D., Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Stamford, Conn.]

OBERLIN, OHIO, July 3rd, 1911.

For several days beginning May 19, 1911, I was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. House at the Thessalonica Agricultural and Industrial Institute. I had opportunity to investigate the plant and to become acquainted with teachers and students. I was profoundly impressed by the value of the work, and the efficiency and economy with which it is carried on. If the spirit and work of this school can be made to prevail throughout Turkey, it will mean new life for the empire.

E. T. BOSWORTH.

[The Rev. E. T. Bosworth, D.D., Dean of Faculty of Oberlin Theological Seminary.]

Special Present Needs

A building far larger than the present main building, to accommodate the many additional poor boys who would gladly come, some of them paying a small tuition-fee	$25,000 00
For the purchase of land, in furtherance of a right of way to the sea-shore	5,000 00
An American, skilled in practical scientific farming, to take the management of the farm	1,000 00
An assistant to Dr. House, in his teaching and in his superintendence of the teaching staff	1,000 00
A matron to share with Mrs. House the domestic responsibilities	500 00
A low, phaeton-like "run-about" and a business wagon ($150 and $75 respectively)	225 00
A hand printing-press and outfit	200 00
A pair of heavy horses, for deep plowing and heavy hauling	200 00

Band instruments for the beginning of a band among the musically gifted boys	$150 00
For the purchase of books for the library	100 00
A typewriter	75 00
An Eastman Kodak	35 00

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Gifts may be sent to the Treasurer, 27 William Street, New York, or to the Chairman, The Chelsea, West 23rd Street.

Form of Bequest

I give and bequeath to "The Thessalonica Agricultural and Industrial Institute," incorporated in 1904 under the laws of the State of New York, the sum of.....dollars.

[This History and Appeal is prepared, printed, and presented to the Institute, by the Chairman of the Board of Directors.]

New York, August, 1911.

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